In re Appln. of Stephan et al. Application No. Unassigned (U.S. National Phase of PCT/FR2004/002271)

## Remarks

The present application is a U.S. National Phase of a PCT patent application. The specification has been amended to comply with formal requirements for U.S. patent applications to insert section headings into the specification. Claims have been amended to eliminate multiple claim dependencies and reference numerals therefrom.

No new matter was added by these amendments. The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian C. Rupp, Reg. No. 38,0

One of the Attorneys for Applicant(s)

GARDNER CARTON & DOUGLAS LLP

191 North Wacker Drive, Suite 3700

Chicago, Illinois 60606-1698 (312) 569-1000 (telephone)

(312) 569-3000 (facsimile)

Customer No.: 08968

Date: March 23, 2006

CH02/ 22443051.1